PPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION
FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. **Project Title:**

   Portland Police Bureau Technology Improvements

2. **Organization Name and address:**

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4. **Project Location Address (if different from Organization):**

City wide

5. **Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:**

The City of Portland is a municipal corporation in the State of Oregon.

6. **Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)**

The City of Portland is requesting funding for two sets of technology that will significantly improve the services it provides: An Automated License Plate Recognition system, and in-car security cameras.

The Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) is a patrol-car based license plate recognition system improving officer safety and effectiveness. Using a system of up to four cameras mounted on the light-bar, the system scans the surrounding area for license plates. The system checks the observed plates against an onboard database to look for vehicles of interest (stolen vehicles, wanted felons, AMBER alerts, etc). In the event of a match an audible and visual alert notifies the officer. The ALPR system saves data on every license plate seen by the cameras and logs the date, time, GPS location as well as a photo of the vehicle. During a typical shift (10 hours) the system can cover 5000 license plates. The requested funding will install ALPRs in ten patrol cars.

The City is also requesting funding for eight in-car security cameras, which will assist with investigating traffic violations and stops, aggressive driving, and provides the ability to show video evidence in court.

7. **Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?** No.

7a. **If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.**

N/A

8. **Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific – e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)**

Department of Justice, COPS Technology Grants

9. **What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

The requested equipment will significantly improve public safety in the Portland area. The Portland Police Bureau currently employs one ALPR. In 25 days of use the

system recovered 21 stolen vehicles resulting in seven arrests and an estimated recovered vehicle value of $101,100.

Although the City of Portland's ALPR system is the first in Oregon, the interest in these systems is growing. There are approximately 300 departments nationwide using ALPR and there is great potential for information sharing among departments with ALPR capabilities both within the state and out of state, as well as with the Federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program**.**

The Seattle Police Department already employs an ALPR and the Federal-High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program is working on a project to collect data from the I-5 corridor agencies through the use of ALPR systems. The ability that the ALPR will provide to share information between law enforcement agencies and across levels of government in the Northwest region will be invaluable.

The use of in-car security cameras not only increases the capacity for evidence collection, but also the accountability of Portland police officers. In-Car Camera Systems increase the ability to record serious events as they unfold, which increases the safety of citizens and police officers. They provide an unequivocal record of the actions of both citizens and officers on the scene. In general, the public is in favor of In-Car Cameras. It provides an accurate depiction of the interaction between officers and the public. Traffic judges have been in support of the video evidence brought to court and many defendants of traffic violations have commented on the benefits of having the video evidence.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?. If so, who?

Yes, the City will be requesting this from Congressman Blumenauer, Congressman Wu Congressman Schrader, Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley.

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):
$500,000

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

$500,000

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

None

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

No

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.   (e.g. salary $40,000; computer $3,000): Funding requested would be for equipment only (price includes installation provided by the company)

Purchase and installation of ALPRs: $260,000
Purchase and installation of in-car cameras: $240,000

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Western States Auto Theft Investigation, Oregon State Police Law Enforcement Data System, East Precinct Involved Citizens, Pocket Press, Inc., Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes